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So far we have captured nine bats, five in fragments of cloud forest and four in shaded coffee plantations. We have found the daytime roost for seven bats, all in hollows of trees. In general, bats caught in shade coffee plantations have their roost in the same habitat, and at least part of the night foraging there before going elsewhere. Bats captured in forest fragments have behaved a little differently. Two of the bats had their roosting place in the forest and foraged right there, even longer than the bats in coffee plantations. However, interestingly two bats captured in the forest foraged there but their roost was located in coffee plantations near the forest fragment. Maybe it's because the shade coffee plantations can maintain mature trees, contributing to the maintenance of shelters for bats as in this case.

